

BUTTE NEWS.

PRICE AND HIS SKIN

He's Now in Butte Preparing for His Annual Shedding.

THE HISTORY OF THE CASE

He Scouts the Theory That It's a Birthmark and Believes It Is Simply an Unaccountable Freak of Nature.

John H. Price, the remarkable man from Phillipsburg, who, like a snake, annually sheds his skin and is now in Butte, where he will remain until after the annual event, which occurs on the 24th of this month, is again attracting attention all over the country through the article which recently appeared in the Standard. He is in daily receipt of letters from all parts of the United States making inquiries about his remarkable case. On request of the San Francisco Examiner Mr. Price recently wrote out a statement of his case and it appeared in that paper last Sunday, accompanied with the pictures of Mr. Price and sections of his epidermis. His statement is as follows:

"Sir: Here is a statement which will cause many of your readers of the medical fraternity to smile with incredulity, and will be accepted as truth by very few, yet it can be established as a fact by any one curious enough, or interested sufficiently, to do so:

"When I was six months old every particle of cuticle on my body peeled off, and annually since that time I have shed my skin as regularly as the 24th day of July came round. Since the phenomenon was brought to the attention of medical men it has puzzled the whole fraternity, and the most eminent of them have been compelled to pronounce it a simple freak of nature.

"Each year, since infancy, on the 24th day of July, I have been taken ill and within a few days thereafter shed my skin from the entire surface of the body, including finger and toe nails. The annual illness never occurs earlier than 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 24th, and never later than 9 o'clock in the evening. It usually lasts from four to five hours, after which I feel as well as usual and the skin comes off in from two to three days later. Until within the past few years I have always felt a delicacy about letting the public know of my illness and the cause, and I secluded myself until after the shedding, but in late years I have been induced to submit myself to examination by various medical men during the shedding process. One of the first doctors to witness it was Dr. Hugh G. Granite, Mont., to whom I sent an invitation to attend me at my home at Phillipsburg, two miles distant. The usual hour for my illness is 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and on my condition during the shedding and they may make it clearer than any language I could employ:

"Promptly at 5 p. m. he experienced a sensation of dizziness and slight nausea, his pulse was 75, respiration 18, temperature 99-100, tongue red, with a brown fur streaked along each side of median line. At 6:45 o'clock he was shaking as with an attack of ague, although he felt no sensation of either heat or cold; the face and upper portion of the chest were red, breathing labored and 45, pulse 87 and temperature 99-100. The skin had a cool feeling and was absolutely devoid of moisture. He was very nervous and had a tingling sensation over a portion of the body, which is red as though the parts were asleep, and hands and fingers cramped, the redness spreading over the whole body, accompanied by a tingling, prickly sensation and cold feet; pulse 90, temperature 101 and skin very dry. Mr. Price continued quite sick, suffering from headache, weakness, nervousness and inability to rest. At 8 o'clock he walked to Granite and remained at the hotel under the observation of two physicians until the evening of July 21. On July 22 the skin began to loosen in places, and over the surface of the body appeared numerous small blisters about twice the size of a pinhead, and although he had walked upward of two miles in a hot sun, not a particle of moisture appeared on his body except on his scalp and the upper portion of his forehead. The skin over the entire body was taken off on July 21, with the exception of the legs and feet, on which it appeared to be quite adherent, and so remained until Aug. 13, when it was taken from these parts. Over nearly the whole of the body the skin thus cast off is quite tender and has to be handled with some care to keep from tearing, but on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet it is very tough and great force has to be used to tear it. Under the skin thus removed is a new skin, which apparently forms between the time of the shedding and the time of the new skin coming out, which is as tender as that of a new-born babe, although it rapidly toughens and is ready for hard manual labor in four or five days. The doctors are without a theory regarding this wonderful case and say that should the phenomena appear once only a cause might be found, but they cannot formulate a plausible theory for its appearance each year at almost exactly the same hour and day.

"I was born in Osmatoma county, Kansas, 40 years ago, during one of the raids into that 'bleeding' state. My mother and grandmother were driven from home and took refuge in an old cabin in the brush, where I was born that night. Owing to this circumstance of my birth some doctors have advanced the theory that the phenomenon is a birthmark, but the theory is not tenable. The regularity of it and the fact that it appears all over the body at the same time demonstrates that it is no skin disease, and the only solution

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that can be offered is that it is a simple freak of nature. There were 14 children in our family, and I am the only one afflicted in that way. I am married and have two children of my own, who have shown no indications of being similarly affected.

"I am preparing for my annual shedding, on the 24th of next month, and would be pleased to have some of the Examiner's medical readers present to witness it. JOHN H. PRICE. 'Butte, Mont., June 30, 1897.'

Shaffer Bros' stage for Silver Star, from Rod, Twin Bridges and Sheridan, leaves Southern hotel, Butte, at 7:45 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, arriving at Sheridan at 6 p. m.

The B. A. & P. R. train leaving Butte daily at 100 p. m. will land passengers at race track gate, Anaconda, in fifty minutes. Fare for round trip, \$1.00.

THE DOCTOR APPEALS.

He Is Fined \$15 for Ejecting Mrs. Norcross From His Office.

Dr. Cowperthwaite, the Owsley block physician and until recently partner of Dr. C. V. Norcross, was tried in police court yesterday morning on the charge of assault and battery preferred by Mrs. C. V. Norcross. It seems that Mrs. Norcross claimed some articles in the office of Dr. Cowperthwaite to be her property and had attempted to recover them when, so she claims, she was forcibly ejected by Dr. Cowperthwaite. Mrs. Norcross told the story of the affair and exhibited a plump arm showing bruises and red marks where, she said, Dr. Cowperthwaite had seized her and pinched her in putting her out of the office. Dr. Johnson, the dentist, who came to the rescue of Mrs. Norcross, corroborated her story.

Dr. Cowperthwaite, in defense, said that the office was entirely his own and everything in it was his own. He had simply prevented the prosecuting witness from taking away goods which belonged to him. He denied that he had assaulted Mrs. Norcross or used any violence whatever. He had simply pinched Mrs. Norcross gently to the door.

After hearing the testimony Judge Ferrell fined the defendant \$15 and the costs of the action. The doctor took an appeal to the higher court.

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A Beautiful Play.

Following their policy of variety, the Huntington Broadway company will change the bill at the theater this evening, comedy giving way to the more serious drama. Ouida's beautiful and interesting story has been read by thousands and is a dramatized form of the life of the great astronomer, Copernicus. On its first production in New York at Wallack's theater some years ago it filled out the entire season. The heart interest is one of the dominating features of the play, though by no means lacking in comedy. At the hands of the Huntington company a splendid interpretation of the play may be looked for. Mr. Huntington will be seen as Lord Juan, Mr. Wyngate as Copernicus, Mr. Hallau as Prince Zuroff, while Miss Truax will interpret the role of Vera, Miss Andrews that of Lady Darcy and the Misses Miffin and Henry will be seen as the Duchess and the American girl respectively. A novel feature of the Saturday matinee will be the giving of a daily souvenir to every lady patron in the shape of a bottle of choice perfume.

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Cheap Rates to Eastern Points.

The Northern Pacific on July 12th to 17th, inclusive, also on July 19th, 22nd, 26th, 29th, August 2nd, 5th and 9th, will sell one way tickets to Kansas City, St. Louis and Missouri river points, also St. Paul, Chicago and all intermediate points, at rate of \$31.00.

On all direct lines East of Chicago or St. Louis, rate will be one-half lowest first class limited rate to points as far east as Chicago, St. Paul, Chicago and all intermediate points, at rate of \$31.00. On all direct lines East of Chicago or St. Louis, rate will be one-half lowest first class limited rate to points as far east as Chicago, St. Paul, Chicago and all intermediate points, at rate of \$31.00.

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Sunday Excursions.

Until further notice, the Montana Union will sell excursion tickets to Gregson Springs and return, good going on trains leaving Butte between 5 p. m. Saturday and 5 p. m. Sunday, and returning on last train leaving Gregson Sunday night, at \$1.00.

Drugs for Sale.

A large stock of drugs and medicines and store fixtures will be sold at sheriff's sale at No. 11 E. Granite street on Thursday the 8th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

Moonlight Picnic.

"Moonlight Picnic" to be given at Columbia Gardens Friday evening, July 9th, 1897, by the Silver Assembly No. 55, United Artisans. Admission including dance 25c.

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Wm. J. Sandow of 157 Third St., Walker, Minn., the winner of the gentleman's bicycle at the Good Luck Shoe & Clothing Co's.

How He Made a Saving.

From the San Francisco Post. "That mine in Tuolumne county is costing me a mint of money," said a local capitalist to one of his employees. "I wish you would figure around and see if you can't make a saving somewhere. If you can I'll raise your salary \$50 a month."

"But suppose I can't make a saving of \$50 a month?" inquired the young man.

"Well, I've tried to figure it out myself, and I can't find where I can save a cent. If you can you are worth \$50 a month more."

"All right, sir, I'll look into it."

The young man went over all the accounts, but he could not find where he could cut down a single expense. Finally it occurred to him that he was drawing \$25 a month for acting as secretary of the mining company.

"I've found a place where you can save \$25 a month," he informed his employer the next day. "I've cut off that salary of \$25 a month we've been paying the secretary for doing nothing."

He got his raise.

GOLD AND GOLD MINING

Governor Adams' Address Before the Colorado Convention.

FIELDS FOR INVESTMENT

Never Was There a More Inviting Opening Than the Present for Profitable Mining—No Treachery to Silver.

Denver, July 7.—In his address before the gold mining convention to-day, Governor Adams said:

"To increase the gold mining industry is the purpose of this convention. While local selfishness may have inspired the call, the importance of gold production reaches beyond the interest of the miner who mines it, or the state in which it is found, and becomes a question as wide as human commerce and civilization. 'More gold' is the purpose of this assembly, and it is the only platform ever presented to a congress of delegates that did not meet opposing votes.

"Gold is the only deity before which universal man has ever bowed. Religion has never reared an altar that has not been shaken by the clerk of heresy. Political wisdom has never devised a code or constitution that did not invite revolt. No moral system has ever won general approval. Only behind the banner of gold does there trail the hungry, enthusiastic, untrained hosts of the human race. It matters not what land bore them, what faith guides them, what altar beseeches their prayers, what color God tints their skin, every heart pulsates with the same love of gold; no chasm of creed or race that will not be bridged by lives and swords in its pursuit. This convention represents the gold of the world and the encouragement of capital, double that production.

"Our desire to increase the product of gold is inspired by a patriotic and industrial sentiment. We do not want the gold that is the god of conquest, not the gold that is the idol of the miser but the gold that will be the handmaid of industry, the vehicle of an enlightened faith, the means of a broader culture and education that will liberate labor from the thralldom of idleness, give to the mass of people fairer and better opportunities of development and life; all in all, the gold that will be the agent of civilization, the nobler civilization than we have yet known. If gold is to come only with the crimes of a Cortez or a Pizarro; if it is to inspire only avarice and greed, it had best remain in its unfathomed vaults.

"The depressed condition of commerce and industry, the unnumbered idle hands, should turn the attention of every patriot to the mines. All history teaches that nothing as reliable for the future as the past, the pathfinder seldom enjoys his own discovery, as even good mines require large expenditure, but legitimate mining as a vocation is a profitable business. Many people act as though the requirements of prudence and judgment, which other investments demand, if you invest in mines as you do in a hot pool at the casino, you might as well play Monte Carlo, your chances of success are just as good, and there is little difference in the moral aspect of such investing.

"Mining is a legitimate business and not a gambling venture. It is the mark of the conservative to do any mining as a gamble, as a risky speculation. Generally, these cautious, wise conservatives invest in railroad and other securities. If you could examine their list of stocks to-day you could, perhaps, find Adolphus, Tom & Son, E. J. Union Pacific, Leather Cordage and other similar stocks which these wise men bought at top prices and recommended to widows and orphans as solid income securities.

"The craze of the past generation has been railroads. We have gridironed the nation with parallel lines. It has taken almost a revolution and untold thousands to small investors to convince them that there is money in the other end of the stick. Many of these over-mortgaged roads have as little intrinsic value as a share in Bob Ingersoll's heaven. Investors have been afraid of propositions looking to the development of our great mineral wealth, yet have welcomed with open purses securities that had no foundation but that element of nature of which the scriptures say 'thou canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth.'

"I speak of mines not as a basis for speculation, but as a working enterprise, requiring the same attention to detail, the same careful management as you would give a manufacturing concern. The prospector has driven his stakes along every lead, he has not the means to develop, but waits for the capitalist.

"Never such a field for investment, never such a mine as a speculation, never such gold been worth so much, and never could it be produced so cheaply. Mechanical skill, invention and science have joined hands until the cost of reduction is less than the cost of labor. At Idaho Springs a stamp mill reduces ore for \$1.50 per ton, with a rebate for large quantities. Railroads thread nearly every mountain valley, so that freight is no longer a serious problem, mines are free of legislation, but not transportation.

"The mining past of the Rocky mountains, with all the disadvantages, is the voucher we offer for the future. Never more will a prospector, in investment, not only profit but the added charm that the production of the precious metals has for most mortals. All other products perish, gold and silver remain as permanent as the elements of the world. In their production you compete with no one, injure no one; you promote the welfare of all. Production of gold adds to the value of every product of food, clothing, pastures. You give work to laborer, mechanic, professions; patronage to merchant, manufacturer; support to every industry. No concern as to markets, no fear of overproduction. He who produces gold is a benefactor. Lead, silver or a San Juan is a benefactor, a Columbus. Every great mine is a milestone on the road to financial and industrial redemption. Few explorers have ever made a strike, but a nation with a richer dower than the prospector; he it was who gave California, Colorado, the West to civilization.

"But for the mines there would be no Denver, not to say to-day. The frontier would have rested on the Missouri river. The Colossus which Tom Benton wanted to see cut upon the very crest of the continental divide pointing to the West to India, has never been graven; as a substitute there should be placed a mightier statue of a mining prospector upon some great peak, whose sweep would take in every city and home, every school house and church, every mine and railroad from the Missouri river to the golden sands of the Pacific. Upon the base of the figure could be carved in truth: 'These are my achievements, these are the trophies of my hardship and daring.'

propeller shafts; they can still float, they can travel slowly, they may reach the harbor, but only after the owners and the friends and relatives of the passengers have suffered the anxiety on account of the delay beyond the regular twin propeller double standard schedule time. For its financial delirium temens the world is determined to try the gold cure. By adding millions of gold production Colorado will do what it can to hold the nation steady during the experiment.

"During the days of war the gold and silver from the Rocky mountains were a potent element in maintaining the finances of the nation. The mine did his part toward the preservation of the union as well as the soldier in the field.

"Just before the assassination of Lincoln Schuyler Colfax left Washington to cross the continent. As Mr. Lincoln bade him farewell, he said: 'I want you to make a speech for me to the miners you may find on your journey. I have said to Mr. Lincoln, 'very large ideas of the mineral wealth of our nation. I believe it practically inexhaustible. It abounds all over the Western country, from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific, and its development has scarcely commenced. Now that the rebellion is overthrown, and we know pretty nearly the amount of our national debt, the more gold and silver the more the payment of that debt is made easier. Now,' said he, speaking with much emphasis, 'I am going to encourage that in every possible way. We shall have hundreds of thousands of disbanded soldiers, and many have feared that their return home in such great numbers might paralyze industry by furnishing suddenly a greater supply of labor than there will be demand for. I am going to try to attract them to the hidden riches of our mountain ranges, where there is room for all. I imagine, which even the war has not stopped, will land upon our shores hundreds of thousands more per year from overseas. Europe, I intend to point them to the gold and silver mines for them in the West. Tell the miners for me that I shall promote their interests to the utmost of my ability, because their prosperity is the prosperity of the nation, and, he said, his eyes shined with enthusiasm, 'we shall prove in a very few years that we are, indeed, the treasury of the world.'

"The message was delivered by Mr. Colfax to the miners of Central City in Mont. It was the last message, almost the last public utterance of the late President. It was a message from the inspired lips of Lincoln. Events have proven the truth of his prophecy. That the gold and silver mines are a potent factor in our nation's economic life, that the thousands of thousands of disbanded soldiers, but we have a million or more of idle workmen, and the wider development of our mines will bring a new era of prosperity, employment for labor, stability to our finances, added power and glory to our flag.

"Since 1892 gold, silver and copper mines are about the only industry that has paid dividends. If this convention can turn the attention of capital from unproductive investments to legitimate mining, it will have advanced country and investor alike. Business care and sense in mining will pay better than most lines of investment. Prospecting as a reliable business may be an illusion; the pathfinder seldom enjoys his own discovery, as even good mines require large expenditure, but legitimate mining as a vocation is a profitable business. Many people act as though the requirements of prudence and judgment, which other investments demand, if you invest in mines as you do in a hot pool at the casino, you might as well play Monte Carlo, your chances of success are just as good, and there is little difference in the moral aspect of such investing.

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Is Harvard Shut Out Now?

Perhaps it has been too hastily assumed that the prejudice at Yale and Harvard against admitting any other college crew into the annual contest, arose from a feeling of superiority or superciliousness. This we think was not so. The ground on which was based the desire to keep the race between Yale and Harvard alive, was a practical one, selfish perhaps, but the one of convenience and custom more than anything else. The democracy of Yale, using the word in its broadest sense, is undoubted, and as the Register hints, is more manifest than that of Harvard, where a certain exclusiveness that borders on the aristocratic, has been more frequently shown. But at neither university has the root of the matter been anything more than a natural impulse to keep to themselves what was evidently a good and desirable thing, and to make the arrangement as interesting and satisfactory to themselves and their friends as it could be. The dual race is more satisfactory in some respects than the triangular contest, and it is a question, under existing circumstances, if a race between Yale and Cornell would not be very nearly as satisfactory as one between Yale and Harvard alone. If the intention was to shut out Cornell at Poughkeepsie, was not the logical result of that contest the shutting out of Harvard.

Van Camp's Macaroni and Cheese.

At the Ball.

(10 P. M.) Miss Hunter—Who it that pompous baldhead?

Miss Teasle—Don't call him names, dear, he can draw his check for a million.

Miss Hunter—Is it possible? I must manage an introduction!

(I. A. M.) Miss Hunter (angrily)—A pretty fool you have made of me! Here I've wasted the whole evening on that penniless idiot. Didn't you say he could draw his check for a million?

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